

Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. Life Member Group
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION

*One-year scholarships, based on need, academic standing and interest, may be awarded to outstanding applicants majoring in environment-related studies as listed below and on the RIFGC website <http://rigardenclubs.org>. **Juniors, Seniors and Master's Degree candidates are eligible to apply.** (Sophomores may apply for their junior year.)*

Application deadline February 1st

ELIGIBILITY:

- Must be a US citizen or permanent, legal resident of the State of Rhode Island or towns in southeastern Massachusetts with RIFGC-affiliates
- Must be attending, as a full-time student, any fully-accredited college/university listed US Department of Education website
- Must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 on a 4.0 scale
- Must be planning a career related to the environment
- Majors in the following fields of study will be considered: Agricultural Education, Agronomy, Botany, Biology, City Planning (Urban and Rural), Environmental Concerns (Management: Environmental, Horticulture Resource/Environmental Behavior), Environmental Conservation (including Engineering), Forestry, Habitat or Forest Systems Ecology), Horticulture, Floriculture, Landscape Design, Plant Pathology/Science, Wildlife Science, Land Management, and other related subjects.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Academic Record	40%
Applicant's Essay/personal statement	25%
List of Honors/Extracurricular Work	13%
Financial Need	15%
Recommendations	5%
Conformance with application procedures	2%

APPLICATION PROCEDURE/REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:

- Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs application form
- National Garden Club application form (<https://gardenclub.org>)
- National Garden Club Financial Aid form (<https://gardenclub.org>)
- Official copy of Academic Transcript
- Personal statement/essay (Discuss background, financial need, future career goals not to exceed 1 page)
- List of extracurricular activities, honors, recognitions received within the last 3 years (1 page, front side only)
- Two letters of recommendation – 1 page, front side only
- Cover letter from applicant

All documents must be mailed together in one large envelope. No staples, page protectors or binders. Mail to the Scholarship Chair, Life Member Group, RIFGC (see rigardenclubs.org for contact information.) One RIFGC applicant will be selected from each year's Life Member Group application pool to compete for a National Garden Club Scholarship. It is for this reason that applicants are asked to submit both the RIFGC application and the NGC application at the same time. **Applications must be received by February 1st**

Further information is available from the RIFGC Life Member Group Scholarship Chair.